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FOR NAAS, NEA/IRN, FROM MIKLOS

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SUBJ: US-IRAN COOPERATION IN LABOR/MANPOWER FIELD

REF: (A) TEHRAN 7293; (B) NAAS-MIKLOS LETTER SEPT 5

1. REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH IRAN ON LABOR ORGANIZATION AND MANPOWER STUDIES AS PROPOSED IN GOOD- MIKLOS LETTER SEPT 6 COULD FORM INTEGRAL PART OF US-IRAN COOPERATION COMMISSION AS SET FORTH PARA. K OF REFTTEL (A), BUT EARLY PROGRESS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE.

2. EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER CHERE DISCUSSED GENERAL SUBJECT BURNIE MERSON'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR IRAN IN THE MANPOWER FIELD WITH UNDERSECRETARY OF LABOR FOR PLANNING FEREIDUN NASSERI SEPT 25. NASSERI HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH MERSON DURING LATTER'S PREVIOUS VISITS, AND WAS GIVEN COPY OF MERSON'S AUG 22 REPORT. DR. NASSERI SAID IRAN WOULD LIKE TO FUND FUTURE MERSON VISITS A COUPLE OF TIMES A YEAR FOR ADVICE ON MANPOWER AFFAIRS.

3. NASSERI WAS NONCOMMITTAL ON SUBJECT REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. HE MENTIONED THAT IRAN WILL BE SENDING GROUP TO

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US AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES BEFORE END OF YEAR TO SEE WHAT

RESOURCES WERE AVAILABLE IN LABOR/MANPOWER FIELD, AND THERE
ASSURED NASSERI GROUP WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH BRIEFINGS IN
WASHINGTON ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESOURCES WHICH COULD BE
TAPPED.

4. POTENTIAL FOR SELLING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN LABOR/
MANPOWER FIELD CLEARLY EXISTS HERE, AND FRENCH AND GERMANS ALREADY
ACTIVE IN SOLICITING BUSINESS BY BUILDING FROM SMALL MANPOWER
TRAINING PROGRAMS THEY CURRENTLY FUND. IN VIEW NASSERI'S
HESITANCY WE MAY HAVE TO TAKE SUBJECT UP AT HIGHER LEVEL IN
GOI. BELIEVE WE HAVE AT LEAST LAID GROUNDWORK FOR REIMBURSABLE
ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD EVEN IF IRANIANS ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO
SIGN FORMAL AGREEMENT SUCH AS THAT WITH SAUDI ARABIA.
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